



NEWS ADVISORY

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AUGUST 5 AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS---Board of Supervisors **9:30 a.m.**

Presentations:

Sheriff's Deputy Michael Austin of Carson station is honored for saving the life of a near drowning victim.

DeAna Gonzales is commended for saving the life of friend, Michael Steele, who nearly drowned.

Board recognizes Long Beach firefighter Salvador Rios for rescuing a woman from a burning house while off duty.

Supervisors proclaim August 5, 2003 as "National Night Out," in observance of the 20th anniversary of the community-based crime prevention program.

Reports:

Supervisors asked to adopt higher spending plan for providing assistance to foster children. (Item 66, continued from budget deliberations on 6-23 and 7-8, 7-22 and 7-29)

Housing Authority reports on issues related to the monitoring and administration of traffic schools to minimize fraud. (Item 65)

Public Hearing:

Supervisors consider placing a special tax measure on Nov. 4, 2003 ballot for cities to participate in the County Library's special tax program. (Item 67)

Agenda Items:

Board asked to approve \$105,181 increase in agreement for development of community building and childcare center at 26607 S. Western Ave. in Lomita, bringing the total budget to \$263,175. (Item 1-H)

Supervisor Gloria Molina seeks development of a County brownfields policy and risk-based screening and assessment process for abandoned or underutilized properties plagued by real or perceived environmental contamination. (Item 2)

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke requests extension of \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the triple murder of Che-Hyun

Song, her two-year-old son Nathan Hyan-Woo Song and babysitter Grace Eun-Sik Min, whose bodies were found on May 5 in the Renaissance apartment complex at 630 S. Masselin Ave., Los Angeles. (Item 4)

Board asked to endorse proposed Budget Accountability Act, an initiative constitutional amendment and statute that would enact reforms in budget process to ensure timely adoption of state budgets. (Item 9)

Supervisor Don Knabe asks supervisors to rename County's Patriotic Hall in honor of late comedian Bob Hope. (Item 10)

Authorization sought to transfer operation and maintenance of Placerita Canyon State Recreation Area from County's Parks and Recreation Department to Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. (Item 14)

Supervisors asked to authorize negotiations for 30-year lease agreement for several County departments at 8500 Van Nuys Blvd., at an annual maximum rate of \$4.6 million, to better coordinate health, mental health and social services for children. (Item 19)

Approval sought for two \$750,000 agreements for early diagnosis and treatment of HIV/AIDs in African-American and Latino communities through 2006, and \$145,000 agreement for health education and risk reduction prevention activities. (Item 23, continued from 7-29)

Authorization sought for revised total budget of \$1.3 million for construction of the Women's Health Center of Excellence project at Martin Luther King, Jr.-Charles Drew Medical Center. (Item 26, continued from 7-29)

Authorization sought to allocate \$2.5 million to prepare remaining area of the Calabasas Landfill for refuse disposal operations and installation of composite linear system. (Item 42, continued from 6-10, 7-1, 7-15, 7-22 and 7-29)

Sheriff's Department requests approval to pursue federal funding for a multi-agency airborne law enforcement facility in Los Alamitos. (Item 43)

Settlements:

Supervisors asked to approve \$200,000 settlement of case in which Sheriff's deputy was tried and acquitted of filing a false report and falsification of public records. (Item 46)

Consideration given to \$275,000 settlement of 1997 case from the District Attorney's Child Support Division in which there was a dispute over attorney's fees. (Item 47)

Supervisors asked to approve \$295,000 settlement of case involving two Sheriff's deputies who alleged their civil rights were violated during an internal criminal investigation. (Item 49)